

# dear Padre

July 5, 2009,

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Are eulogies supposed to be given at funeral Masses?

I was taught that eulogies are not to be given at funeral Masses, but I've been to many a Catholic funeral, and at each there was a eulogy. Am I wrong?

Wendy

Dear Wendy,

Practice and rules vary from diocese to diocese and even from parish to parish. However, according to the 2002 General Instruction of the Roman Missal, "At the Funeral Mass there should, as a rule, be a short homily, but never a eulogy of any kind" (382). The Order of Christian Funerals says the same thing (141).

A homily, which is a talk about the Scripture readings, puts the focus on Jesus and his work of saving us from sin and death by his resurrection.

A eulogy, which is a talk about the deceased person, is often a biography of sorts. This really isn't appropriate for a Catholic funeral Mass, which is a celebration of the deceased's eternal life with God rather than a celebration of his or her earthly life.

The Order of Christian funerals does allow a family member or friend to speak about the deceased after Communion, before the final commendation (170). Often referred to as words of remembrance, the idea is for one person to speak for no more than a few minutes about how the deceased person lived his or her faith.

A better place for a traditional eulogy and for family and friends to celebrate the life of the deceased person is at the wake or at a post funeral gathering.

John Hamrogue, C.Ss.R.

*Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them*

—Mk 6:4-5

*In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Antoinette Varano, Salvatore Fasano, John Alvino, Molly Mannella. they died this past week. Pray, too, for their bereaved family and friends.*

**THANK YOU** for your generosity in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Because of you, Pope Benedict XVI will be able to help millions of people around the world quickly and effectively. In 2007, the United States was responsible for almost one-third of worldwide proceeds for this Collection. Your important contributions are truly helping the Holy Father to make a difference for those most in need.

**The ST. GERTRUDE MEN'S CLUB** will meet in the church hall at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6. All members please try to attend.

**PICTURE DIRECTORIES are here. Please pickup at the rectory. If you would like to purchase a directory, the cost is \$8.00.**



### Readings for the Week of July 5, 2009

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a  
 Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26  
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38  
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7  
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15  
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23  
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33  
 Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

### Tithing: God's Plan for Giving:

June 27 & 28

Sunday Offertory.....	\$5,168.00
Loose Collection.....	334.36
Utilities.....	214.00
Peter's Pence & Support Holy See .....	963.80

*You may give without loving,  
 but you can't love without giving!  
 Thank you and God bless!*

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

In memory of Orlando "Lundy" Naccarato by Joseph  
& Rose DeRose

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

In memory of David Kasuba by Ann & Joann Nasetka  
In memory of Patrice "Molitero" Sharp by the  
family

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS** who are hospitalized, invalids or seriously ill at home: Mamie Gadola, Lena Chelko, Fr. Roland Ripoli, OSB and all the sick who need our prayers.

**The ROSARY SOCIETY thanks all who contributed to and participated in the success of the Trash and Treasure Sale. Proceeds will be used for the stained glass restoration project.**

A series of monthly classes on **Benedictine spirituality** will continue on Sunday, July 19, from 3—4:25 p.m. in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The topic will be "*Lectio Divina (Holy Reading)*" and Father Andrew Campbell, O.S.B., the webmaster of St. Vincent Archabbey, will be the presenter. **ALSO**

**The OBLATES OF SAINT BENEDICT** affiliated with Saint Vincent Archabbey will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The topic of discussion will be Chapter 8, entitled "The Eucharist," from the book *The Path of Life*, with emphasis on how our participation in the Mass can be more enriching. Those wishing to pray Vespers with the monks at 5 p.m. and then stay for supper should contact Fr. Donald at 724-805-2291 in advance.

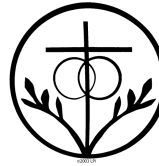
**Cardinal Maida aCadeMy ~**

**Bingo ~ Sunday ~**

**Jackpot ~ 51 no's**

**Church Hall ~ Doors open 5:15 p.m.**

Proceeds benefit the Cardinal Maida Academy

**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSING**

**to the following parishioners, they were married in our parish:**

**John Palmer & Tanya Barclay: June 20**

**Alexandra Allman & Brian Campbell: June 26.**

**St. Benedict Parish,** Marguerite is holding their annual festival, Saturday, July 11 from 5—11 p.m. and July 12 from 2—10 p.m. Food, fun, games and entertainment. Come Join Us!!!

**DCCW Shrine Pilgrimage** ~ all are welcome to join the Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for our Annual Shrine Pilgrimage to Bensalem and Doylestown, PA, National Shrines of St. Katherine Drexel and Our Lady of Czestochowa on August 28 and 29. Cost per person: \$150. Reservations and more information: call Leann @ 724-600-0173.

**The Bereavement Support Group** at Saint Vincent Parish in Latrobe will meet on Monday, July 20 at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the parish center. The topic for discussion will be "Prayer and Healing." Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. Call Teri Pomerleau at 724-539-8629 ext. 15 for more information.

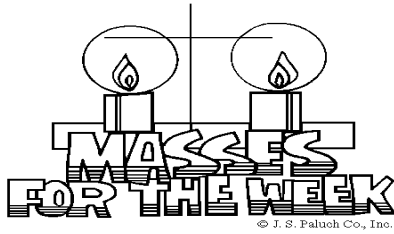
**Trash 'N Treasure Event** at Saint Paul Parish in Greensburg, Friday, July 17, Saturday, July 18, (9-8 p.m.) and Sunday, July 19 (9:30-2 p.m.). And also refreshments, a Chinese Auction and a bake sale.

**The Magnificat Greensburg Chapter** is holding a Breakfast at Four Points Sheraton, Rt. 30 East, Greensburg on Saturday, July 18 from 9-12 Noon. Speaker is Molly Kelly. To register, please call Jeanie at 724-733-0614.

**Welcome to Our Festival of Friendship,** St. Margaret Mary Church, Lower Burrell, July 9, 10, and 11, 6—11 p.m. Delicious food, nightly entertainment, amusement rides for children. All are welcome!!

**Girl Scout Diocesan Committee Members Needed,** the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for Girls would like to invite adult leaders who are dedicated to the advancement of spiritual and Catholic dimension of Girl Scouting to serve on this committee. For info call JoAnne Peterson 724-479-8518.

**Baptismal Prep** ~ a baptismal prep has been scheduled at CtK on Thursday, July 23 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office. Parents, and soon-to-be parents, may register for this session by calling the office (724-568-2331). Any parent requesting Baptism for their child is required to participate in this preparation. Expecting parents may also attend the Baptismal Prep session .



**Saturday, July 4, Independence Day**

4:00 p.m. † James Centorcelli

**Sunday, July 5, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.. † For Parish

10:30 a.m.. † John Manganello (An.)

**Monday, July 6, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. † Mary Golembiewski (An.)

**Tuesday, July 7, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. † Stephen, Mary & Gerard Cihat

**Wednesday, July 8, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. † John McGranahan

**Thursday, July 9, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. † Clare "Pat" Richards

**Friday, July 10, Weekday**

8:30 a.m.. † Joanne Adams

9—12 N Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Saturday, July 11, Benedict, abbot**

8:30 a.m. † Albert D. DeMichele (An.)

1:30 p.m. Wedding: Chad Hepler & Katie

Heffelfinger

4:00 p.m. † Eleanor & James Maglocchi (An.)

**Sunday, July 12, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.. † For the Parishioners

10:30 a.m. † Tony Adamik (An.)



**Servers' Schedule**

**July 11 & 12**

- 4:00 p.m. - Billy & Tim Johnson
- 8:00 a.m. - Zachary Jones & Angelo Principe
- 10:30 a.m. - Joey Caporali & Marissa Molnar